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## Route WW collision kills two

By Barri Marsh  
Missourian staff writer

Two Columbians were killed and a third seriously injured late Friday afternoon when the cars they were driving met in a head-on collision on Route WW, 2½ miles (4 kilometers) east of U.S. 63.

Dead are Steven L. Palmer, 25, of 53 Stonegate Trailer Court, and Otis Lavin "Hoot" Gibson, 61, Route 1. Both were pronounced dead at the scene by an unidentified physician.

Gibson worked as a salesman for the Mid-City Lumber Supply Co., 2105 Paris Rd. Palmer's occupation was unknown.

Injured was Gibson's 56-year-old wife, Cloris. She was taken to Boone County Hospital where she was listed in serious condition late Friday night.

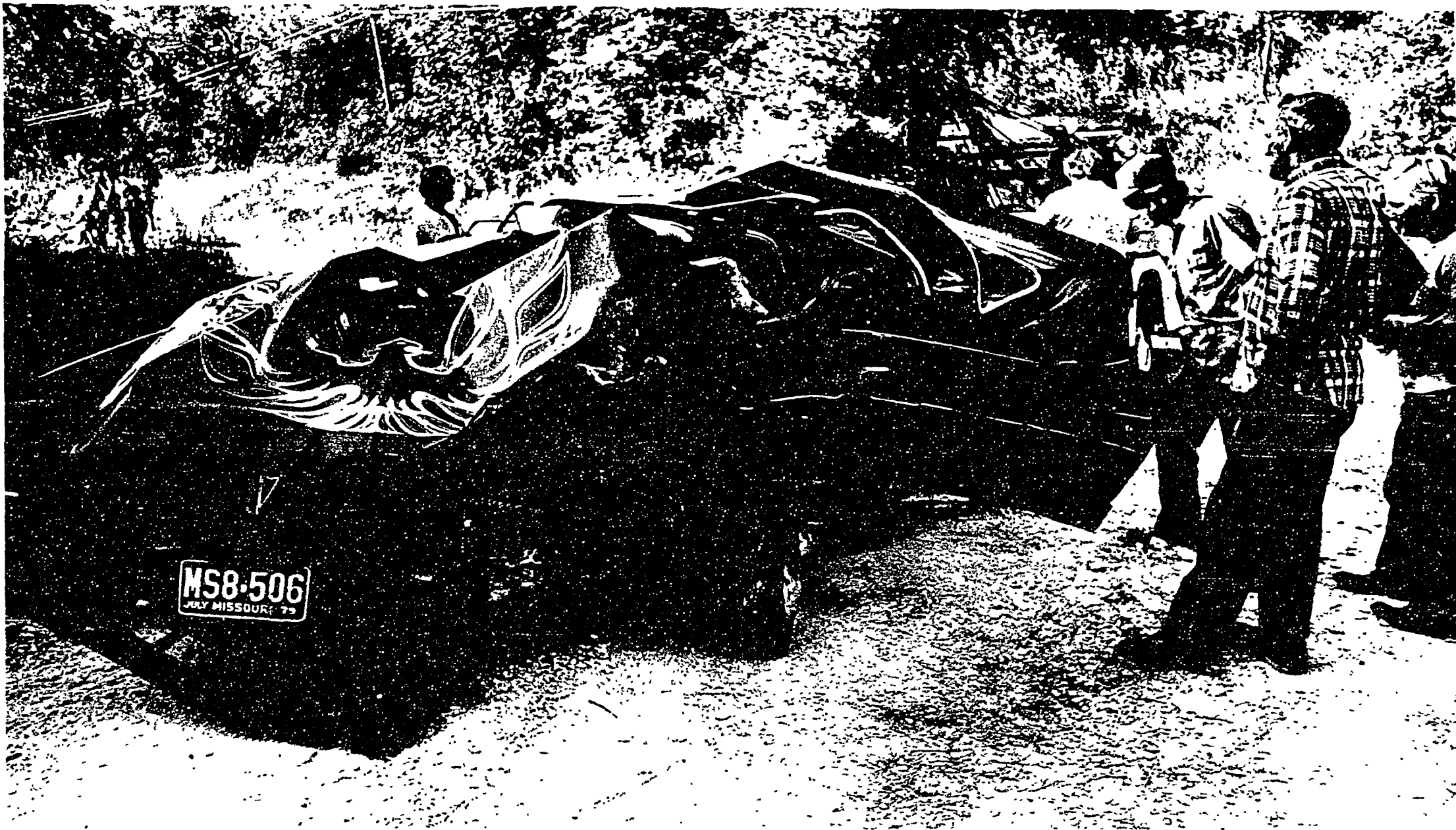
According to Missouri State Highway Patrolmen at the scene, Palmer was driving west when his car apparently swerved across the center line on a curve, crashing into the eastbound Gibson vehicle, knocking it into a ditch. The collision occurred at 5:05 p.m.

Witnesses said Palmer, the driver of a 1977 Pontiac Trans Am, was travelling at an excessive rate of speed when his car collided with Gibson's 1974 American Motors station wagon.

Palmer's car remained on the highway, and efforts to remove the bodies from the crumpled vehicles and tow the vehicles away tied up traffic both east and west for about 30 minutes.

The bodies were taken to Memorial Funeral Home in Columbia, but funeral arrangements had not been made late Friday night.

Cliff Schiappa



Columbian Stephen Palmer was killed Friday when his Trans Am collided with a car driven by Columbian Otis "Hoot" Gibson

### In town today

Noon to 9 p.m. Lions Club antique fair, Ramada Inn convention hall.

12:30 to 5 p.m. September Folkfest, Stephens Chapel lawn, Stephens College.

7:30 p.m. "A Gown for his Mistress," vaudeville version of the French farce, Stephens College Playhouse.

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## Macon County grand jury indicts Columbian Stealing, embezzling charged

By Barbara Laker and Mark Pickering  
Missourian staff writers

Columbia lawyer Terry Porter, a 1958 University School of Law honor graduate who has practiced law in the city for 20 years, was released on \$6,000 bail Friday afternoon following his arrest earlier in the day on six indictments alleging illegal business activities by Porter's Horman Meat Co.

Porter was arrested by the highway patrol in his office at 121 S. Eighth St. and posted bail at Boone County Sheriff's Department.

Porter's brother, Sidney, also was released on \$5,000 bail in Macon, Mo., following his arrest there by Macon County authorities. Sidney was indicted on five of the six indictments as his brother. Both brothers are due to be arraigned Tuesday in Macon County Magistrate Court.

A Macon County grand jury Friday handed down six indictments against Terry Porter. The grand jury indicted Porter, 1129 Danforth Circle, on charges of operating a confidence

game, making a false statement to secure credit from a Chicago loan company, embezzling \$250,000 and stealing.

A total of 54 counts is involved in the six indictments. Porter is president of Horman Meat Co., Inc.

Sidney Porter, vice president and secretary of Horman, was indicted on all the above charges except stealing.

Terry Porter, contacted about his arrest Friday, declined comment.

The first three indictments against Terry Porter and his brother charge that Horman Meat Co., operating as Macon Beef Packers, between April and August 1976 ran a confidence game in which the company issued stop-payment orders on checks paid to persons, mostly farmers, who had sold cattle to Macon Beef Packers, assistant to the state attorney general Don Hiskey said Friday.

Horman Meat Co. and Macon Beef

Packers merged in May 1973. Porter was president of Macon Beef Packers at the time of the merger.

The fourth indictment against the Porters charges them with making a false statement concerning the Macon Beef Packers' sales volume to obtain credit from the Walter E. Heller Co., a Chicago credit firm.

The Porters, in the fifth indictment, are charged with the embezzlement of \$250,000 from the Chicago firm by withholding funds which would have gone to Heller Co.

In the sixth indictment, Terry Porter is charged with stealing by writing company checks to himself "over and above which were directed for salaries and fees he had coming as president of the company," Hiskey said.

The attorney general's office entered the investigation at the request of Macon County Prosecutor Jim Foley, who in private practice represented

creditors of Horman. He asked the attorney general's office to conduct the investigation because of his conflict of interest.

Both the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Missouri attorney general's office investigated the activities of Horman, which led to the Porters' indictments.

Horman Meat Co. operated meat processing plants in Macon, Lebanon and Marshall when it was declared bankrupt May 24, 1976, by the federal bankruptcy court in Kansas City amid charges by the USDA and John M. Cleaveland, Terry Porter's former law partner, that the company had used illegal business practices.

According to the petition filed by Porter when bankruptcy procedures began, the company owed Missouri farmers about \$407,000. The company owed additional creditors approximately \$518,000.

Cleaveland, who left Porter's law firm in 1975 after a disagreement over the Horman Co., filed a \$4 million lawsuit against Porter and the auditing firm of Price Waterhouse and Co. claiming in a petition filed May, 1978, the actions of Porter and Price Waterhouse were "... intentional, malicious, fraudulent and in careless disregard of the rights" of Cleaveland.

Cleaveland claims in the petition he was denied access to audit reports and work papers pertaining to the company. Without these documents, Cleaveland claims, he could not protect his interests in the company before bankruptcy procedures began in 1976.

Porter was admitted to the Missouri Bar in 1958 and was a member of the Board of Editors of the Missouri Law Review.

The attorney entered law practice in Columbia later that year with Cleaveland and Warren Welliver. After the latter two attorneys left the firm, Porter reformed the firm under the name of Porter, Sprick and Powell.

## Vietnam marks 33 years of strife

By Alan Dawson  
United Press International

BANGKOK, Thailand — Thirty-three years ago today the late Ho Chi Minh stepped before a huge throng in Hanoi and, quoting from America's founding fathers, declared Vietnam's independence from France.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident," Ho said in 1945, "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Now, 33 years later and after wars to drive out first the French and later the Americans, the Vietnamese find themselves locked in a border conflict with Cambodia and a verbal war with China which could spill into the battlefield.

According to official Radio Hanoi Friday, this year's independence day is being celebrated with a "huge show-of-force parade" in the Vietnamese

capital. Target of the show of force is China.

Premier Phan Van Dong started the independence celebrations a day early Friday with a speech which contained a new harsh attack on China.

"The Vietnamese people have many times had to rise up and throw out

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foreign aggressors," he said in a thinly veiled reference to Peking.

Then, in direct reference to China, Dong warned, "Peking is the mastermind" behind the flight of 160,000 ethnic Chinese from Vietnam.

"Reactionary elements among the Peking rulers are conducting a hostile policy toward Vietnam. This we cannot tolerate," Dong said.

As troops, anti-aircraft missilemen and people march through Ba Dinh Square in Hanoi, the propagandists will

remind them of one war and one near-war in which they are involved.

In southern Vietnam, the real war is Cambodia. But a high state of tension on the northern border has led the senior military field commander to predict direct war with China.

Gen. Van Tien Dung, architect of the 1975 offensive which gave the Communists final victory in South Vietnam, said in a widely disseminated series of pre-independence day articles that he thought war with China was inevitable. In fact, he said, the war already had begun.

"Our present people's war for the defense of the homeland is a just war for self-defense of a socialist country against bigger enemy aggressors and their henchmen," he wrote.

In recent months, Vietnam vastly has increased its military call-up. Indochina experts said the draft calls now are at about the same level as during

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## Firestone protests charges

## Panel urges tire recall

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A House subcommittee charged Friday that the Firestone 500 steel-belted radial tire "presents an unreasonable risk of ... accidents, injury and death" and should be recalled at once.

It said about 13 million of the tires are still in use.

Firestone, supported by one dissenting member of the House panel, called the findings unjust and said it would work with federal safety regulators to resolve the dispute.

The charge and the recall recommendation came in a report issued by the House Commerce oversight and investigations subcommittee, which conducted hearings on the issue this summer.

It alleged that accidents caused by defective or blown-out steel-belted 500 radials — which Firestone no longer makes — "number in the thousands, injuries in the hundreds and known fatalities as of August 1978 are 34."

It said more than 2.1 million of the 23.5 million 500s Firestone produced had suffered tread separations, which can cause blowouts, and the tire can suffer severe damage if it is over-inflated by as little as four pounds per square inch.

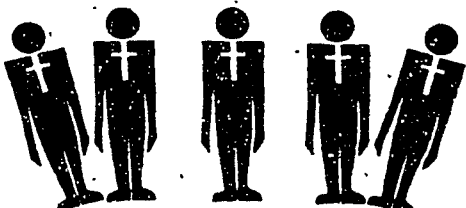
Firestone 500s, it said, "present an unreasonable risk of continuing accidents, injuries and death to the motoring public, and should be immediately recalled."

Subcommittee Chairman John

Moss, D-Calif., called Firestone's handling of the situation "reprehensible in the extreme."

"The Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. is and has been for some time in a position to avoid the devastating toll of human destruction which it knew its tires could cause," Moss said. "In the exercise of clear and conscious choice, it nonetheless permitted this destruction to take place."

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader launched his own attack on the company, charging it is saving \$1.25 million in potential costs each week that it avoids recalling the 500s because disgruntled owners are scrapping them at the rate of 125,000 a week.



Born again Christian, Jesus freak, fundamentalist, heathen. A University School of Journalism study has shown that such labels usually fall far wide of the mark. Read about it on Sunday's Background page.

### Coming Sunday

Cystic Fibrosis is the most common genetic disease among white Americans. It nonetheless is widely unknown and overlooked. At times, the disease barely seems to show itself. Read about a Columbia family's quiet battle with their son's illness on Sunday's People page.



Pinball, that gaudy, glittery, razzle-dazzle game, is surging in popularity and respectability. Beating the machines takes more than luck. Skillful players must have quick reflexes, good coordination and strong concentration. Read about the people hooked on pinball in Sunday's Vibrations.